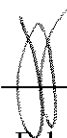


**ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL**



**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE** February 25, 2013

**SUBJECT:** A-F Letter Grade Accountability System

**SUBMITTED BY:** Dr. Carrie L. Giovannone

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** Thursday, February 7, 2013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This presentation is to propose recommendations to the State Board of Education for adjustments to the A-F Letter Grade accountability system.

The following are recommendations:

- Increase Weight of Graduation Rate in A-F Accountability Models:
  - Option 1: Add 20% weight for 4-year graduation rate and 5% weight for 5-year graduation rate to the traditional and small A-F Letter Grade models for high schools as stated in Arizona's Conditional ESEA Flexibility.
  - Option 2: Integrate a College and Career Ready (CCR) Index –Add CCR indicators to be incorporated in 2014 A-F Letter Grade calculations for Traditional Schools (*Small Schools and Alternative Schools will be discussed at a later date*). These indicators would include a 10% weight for 4-year and a 5% weight for 5-year graduation rate.
- K-2 A-F Letter Grade Model – The recommendation is to change the criteria of “at or above” the 5<sup>th</sup> stanine in the composite score to “at or above” the 4<sup>th</sup> stanine .
- Arizona Online (AOI) Full Academic Year (FAY) – This recommendation is to introduce an AOI FAY definition that is appropriate for these schools. Using this new definition, a threshold of the number of students who meet this definition would be applied to all AOIs, which would determine if a school would qualify for one of our A-F Letter Grade models or receive an ‘NR’ for insufficient amount of data.
- Additional Points for K-8 Schools – The recommendation is make available additional points for schools ineligible to receive dropout points.

Updates on the following topics:

- Small Schools A-F Letter Grade model adjustment
- 95% tested in A-F Letter Grade models
- Extremely small schools research tied to accountability
- Small AOI schools research tied to accountability

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☒ **INFORMATION** ☐ **ACTION/DESCRIBED**  
**BELOW:**

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☐ NO ☒